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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S JULY 5 SPEECH

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON, SPEAKING BEFORE ISRAEL-AMERICA SOCIETY JULY 5 IN TEL AVIV, RE-EMPHASIZED ISRAEL'S DESIRE FOR SECURE AND DEFENSIBLE BORDERS, AND PRAISED U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL WHILE WARNING THAT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL WERE BOUND TO ARISE. SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS AS REPORTED IN PRESS(OFFICIAL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE) FOLLOWS.

2. ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR SECURE AND DEFENSIBLE BORDERS. WHILE STATING THAT ISRAEL WAS WILLING TO MAKE "SUBSTANTIAL TERRITORIAL COMPROMISES" TO ACHIEVE PEACE, ALLON ALSO REPEATED FAMILIAR ISRAELI POSITION THAT BORDERS OF 1967, " FAR FROM BEING CONDUCIVE TO PEACE," WERE " AN INVITATION TO DISASTER." ISRAEL, THEREFORE, WOULD NOT RETURN TO THESE LINES WHICH WOULD ONLY " WHET ARAB UNCLASSIFIED

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APPETITES, BUT WOULD INSIST ON BORDER RECTIFICATIONS.

HE SIAD THAT ISRAEL "MUST BE READY FOR A COMBINATION OF FLEXIBILITY AND STUBBORNESS" ON MATTER OF BORDER CHANGES.

3. U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. ALLON WELCOMED ASSISTANCE, BOTH POLITICAL AND MILITARY, THAT U.S. HAD EXTENDED TO ISRAEL SINCE OCTOBER WAR. U.S. EFFORTS AT MEDIATION WERE GRADUALLY PROVING TO ARABS THAT WAR WOULD NOT SOLVE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. ALLONADDED THATRECENT EVENTS HAD PROVEN A COUNTRY COULD MAINTAIN CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND WITH ARAB STATES AT SAME TIME. ALLUDING TO USSR, ALLON SAID " SOME OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD LEARN FORM THE AMERICAN EXAMPLE TO THEIR OWN BENEFIT." ALLON WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH WERE BOUND TO ARISE BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL, BUT THAT ISRAEL SHOULD EXERT THE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO OBTAIN U.S. SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING FOR ITS POSITIONS. ALLON CITED ROGER'S PLAN AS EXAMPLE OF WHERE U.S. AND ISRAEL HAD DISAGREED AND SAID THAT ROGER'S PLAN INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO OUTBREAK OF 1973 WAR BECAUSE IT HAD INCREASED ARAB FRUSTATION.

4. DETENTE. ALLON WELCOMED EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT GREATER U.S.-SOVIET UNDERSSTANDING AND COOPERATION, PROVIDED THEY WERE APPROACHED WITH DUE CAUTION FOR SOVIET MOTIVES. LITMUS TEST OF DETENTE, ALLON SAID, WOULD BE SOVIET ATTITUDE ON QUESTIONS OF SOVIET JEWS WISHING TO EMIGRATE AND TREATMENT OF SOVIET INTELLECTUALS. IN THIS REGARD, ALLON PRAISED U.S. EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWS.

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